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Work-Based Learning Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Committee Members: Marie Price, ~~Debbie Ronneburg~~, Elizabeth Hooper, Gina Robison, ~~John Russ~~, Paula Kellerer, ~~Ryan Gravette~~, Sean Kelly, Sherry Maupin, ~~Vicki Isakson~~, James Smith, Becky Robinson, ~~John McFarlane~~ (7)

Staff: Rebecca Watson, Paige Nielebeck, Matthew Thomsen, Sherawn Reberry, Wendi Secrist, Jeffrey Bacon

Guests: Tim Leigh, Leslie Losh

Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call – Introductions of new members including Marie Price and Becky Robinson. Quorum **not met**.

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

***Review October 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

This agenda item was tabled until the next quarterly meeting due to quorum not being met.

Idaho LAUNCH and Career Connect

Dr. Reberry presented updates on Idaho Launch to the Committee. In addition, she shared success stories from Launch participants. Dr. Reberry then discussed the house bill which was passed yesterday which will expand Idaho Launch and focus on graduating high school students. This will now go to the senate.

Discussion:

- Could Launch funds help to support law enforcement?
 - Potentially. The WDC Staff can examine this and
- Is there anything we can do to support this bill in the senate?
 - Share the bill with your senator and how important you think it is to support high school students as well as Idaho's employers.

Dr. Reberry then presented on Idaho Career Connect, which is currently Next Steps Idaho.

<https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/>

- An innovation grant will help cover the cost of Next Steps in the public schools.
- The Committee requested that we send out this flier:
https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/assets/uploads/2021/12/WDC-NSI_Connections_flyer-final-AT.pdf

WDC Website Update

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Ms. Nielebeck presented updates to the Workforce Development Council Website, especially the resource hub. More information about Talent Pipeline Management is coming soon.

Idaho Leader Website Updates

Mr. Thomsen presented updates to the Idaho Leader Website. <https://leader.nextsteps.idaho.gov/> He reviewed navigating the site, demonstrated how to use resources, and walked the Committee through. Discussion:

- How will we encourage drawing attention to this website and helping people find it?
 - The WDC staff is working on word-of-mouth marketing of this site. The WDC staff recognizes that there was no central hub for apprenticeship. That is the gap that this site is filling.

2023 STEM Externship Program

Mr. Thomsen presented the 2023 STEM Externship Program. (<https://stem.idaho.gov/apply/stem-externships/>) This program is creating Educator Externships

Talent Pipeline Management Update

Mr. Thomsen presented TPM Updates in relation to the governor's Leading Idaho Initiative. He reviewed statewide host organizations and how they contribute to workforce development in their regions and in their industries.

He discussed how he supports TPM Host Organizations, TPM Project Managers and

Discussion:

- Are the community college apprenticeship programs a part of these regional apprenticeship programs?
 - Yes, they are. Mr. Thomsen reviewed various connections with difference education providers with the various TPM regions and host organizations.

WBL Committee Action Plan

Mr. Thomsen presented the Work-based Learning Committee Objectives.

We want to support our statewide priorities and objectives while measuring success and collaborating with our community partners.

What directives would the Committee like to focus on going forward?

Discussion:

- It looks like many if not most of the Committees past objectives have been met.
- Do we need to throw ideas out now or percolate on this question?
 - Both; staff would like to start this conversation now and encourage the Committee to continue to process and brainstorm in the coming weeks.
- Objectives:
 - Integration of all Work Based Learning throughout all state agencies.
 - WBL awareness for all Idahoans – not just for youth. The messaging should be inclusive.

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- Help inform and engage people from all walks of life to use these resources.
 - At all levels of Industry, Education, Government, & our Community Partners.
- Broaden our coalition.
- Questions:
 - How do we coordinate with our partners?
 - Who is it that we strive to connect with providers, participants, and employers?
 - How do we encourage each interested party to participate?
 - How do folks find out about these apprenticeship opportunities?
- Knowing that this information is out there would be incredibly helpful for elected officials.

Ms. Watson will be sending out a follow-up email sharing today's presentations with the Committee, reviewing these suggested objectives, and asking for more ideas. Since we did not have quorum today, this may be a way to engage our members who could not be here.

Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.